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1. At about 7 a.m. on 15 November 1951, three Soviet destroyers were observed off the Isle of Gotland (Sweden) from a distance of 3 or 4 nautical miles. They proceeded in line ahead steering a northeasterly course at a speed of at least 20 knots and displayed masthead and side lights. Their sterns were very low on the water.
2. The destroyers had a very high forecandle, a continuous deck, a large and high bridge with a tripod mast aft of it, and a short funnel with an inclined top edge. There was a gun on the forecandle and another one on the afterdeck. These destroyers had a coat of rather light paint. \*

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